



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to the*

## **Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum**

**WHEREAS**, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and well-being of more than 17 million Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders living in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) mission is to influence policy, mobilize communities and strengthen programs and organizations to improve the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) has worked with community advocates, public health leaders and policymakers to generate policies, programs and systems changes to improve the health of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) was instrumental in the creation of the White House initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, fought for the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and continues to demand the inclusion of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders in the collection and reporting of local, state, and national health data; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) is positioned to provide the infrastructure, resources, expertise, and leadership to create a national network of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander organizations with one goal: building healthy communities through service and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) will assemble over 300 community leaders, funders, policymakers, health experts and advocates for its 2011 VOICES Conference in Washington D.C. on May 16-17, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of service to our communities;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2011 as**

### **"ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HEALTH FORUM WEEK"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to recognize the accomplishments the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum has made over the past 25 years to the people of Hawai'i and Pacific Island nations.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirteenth day of May, 2011.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i